AMENDMENT NO._________ Calendar No._____

Purpose: To require the Comptroller General of the United States to evaluate the current processes of the National Maritime Center for processing and approving merchant mariner credentials.


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To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ________________ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. Lee

Viz:

1 On page 303, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

2 (c) GAO REPORT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—By not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States, in consultation with the Commandant, shall prepare and submit a report to Congress that evaluates the current processes, as of the date of enactment of this Act, of the National Maritime Center for processing and approving merchant mariner credentials.
(2) CONTENTS OF EVALUATION.—The evaluation conducted under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) an analysis of the effectiveness of the current merchant mariner credentialing process, as of the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) an analysis of the backlogs relating to the merchant mariner credentialing process and the reasons for such backlogs; and

(C) recommendations for improving and expediting the merchant mariner credentialing process.

(3) DEFINITION OF MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL.—In this subsection, the term “merchant mariner credential” means a merchant mariner license, certificate, or document that the Secretary is authorized to issue pursuant to title 46, United States Code.